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THURSDAY, DEC. 21, 1899.

McKinley, the Constitution, and the Trusts.

The national administration has thrown up its hands to the trusts and made full and complete surrender. The trusts say you must truckle or no funds to the campaign fund in 1900.

Mark Hanna ignores the used-to-be proud boast of America that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed and urges the conquest in the Philippines, while at the same time he can see nothing in the Declaration of Independence or the constitution of the United States that would forbid the formation of trusts; of course not. On the other hand Mark thinks the trusts are a good thing, and he has been impudent enough to come right out and say so. He has never heard of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Oh, but there is consistency in the construction Mark and the administration put upon the Constitution! The St. Louis Republic makes the following observations along the line referred to above:

The same administration which found the Constitution of the United States elastic enough to permit the acquisition of a group of islands clear around on the other side of the world has declared that the powers conferred by the Constitution on the Federal authorities are too meager to interfere with the trust evil which affects the Government of the United States as a whole, and every citizen who lives under it, much more nearly than anything that could be done on an island on the other side of the earth.

Representative Grosvenor, who is almost as close to the President of the United States as Mark Hanna, tho not in the same dominant capacity, has declared that, before Congress can do anything towards the suppression of the trusts more than has already been done, an amendment of the Constitution is needed to confer additional power on the legislative branch.

There have before this in the history of the United States been amongst statesmen strict constructionists, but up to the present they always had some regard for consistency. Hanna, Grosvenor and McKinley are constructionists of monopoly schemes. What is the Constitution among such friends.

PHILADELPHIA will entertain the next national Republican convention.

The State prison is quarantined against all jails because of the smallpox.

The government at Washington should range itself speedily on the side of the Boer and the Filipino. Let America again speak for liberty.

HON. P. H. CULLEN, of this city, declines the wish of his many friends to become a candidate for State Senator. Cullen has the material in him yet for a statesman, and there is time for yet.

The Vice President's room at Washington has a \$1,000 solid silver inkstand. Wonder they didn't make it of gold. Most us poor sinners out this way are content with something cheaper than such high handed extravagance.

We learn that Prof. French Strother will probably resign as School Commissioner of this county and become a resident of McAlester, I. T., where he is now visiting. This fact probably explains some rather mellow passages in a letter from that gentleman the MESSAGE publishes elsewhere.

KEEP up the agitation in Mexico for the public ownership of the electric light plant. Many of our very best business men favor the proposition.

HARRY ATCHISON will be in the race for Sheriff. Harry is a popular fellow, deserving in every inch of his character, and would make a most dutiful officer.

AMERICA does not want the gold standard. Our nation wants no dependence upon foreign financiers. "16 to 1" without waiting for the consent of any other nation, that is the idea.

AS to the Philippines, if governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, how can we acquire title to a people by force or by purchase? W. J. Bryan asks this question and dares the administration to answer it. It can not be answered without putting under foot the Declaration of Independence.

SENATOR ALLEN, who has been appointed by the governor of Nebraska to fill the vacancy left by the death of the late Senator Hayward, will be warmly welcomed by the country as a staunch and valuable recruit to the ranks of the antigold standard Senators, who are preparing for a long and hard fight in the Senate against the gold standard bill, which Mr. McKinley has found it so easy to jam thru the House.

THE Boers are still having about their own way in South Africa. Gloom and panic hover over London, the aged Queen is conscience-stricken that she ever gave consent for the war, complications with European powers seem threatening and threatened uprisings in other possessions—all would point to the beginning of the end for the British Empire. Another lesson of what militarism, greed for gold and territorial possession over wide and isolated fields will lead to, have so lead for every fallen nation of the past. Let America profit by these examples.

SENATOR PETTIGREW has introduced a resolution in Congress that is about as timely as anything we have heard of lately and it should be adopted. He wants information as to whether the flag of the Philippine Republic was carried by vessels in Manila Bay and saluted by Admiral Dewey or any of the vessels of his squadron at any time since May 1, 1898, and whether a vessel flying the Philippine flag accompanied the U. S. cruisers Concord and Raleigh to Subig Bay, in June, 1898, to aid in compelling the Spanish force to surrender. Sure enough, if we recognized the Philippine Republic then we should have been recognizing it all along since.

Edwards vs. McFarlane.

To settle a dispute between Judge S. M. Edwards and C. R. McFarlane, both of Mexico, the MESSAGE publishes the following, taken from the New York Sun: It takes McFarlane's side of the question in dispute:

Question—What is a year? Answer—Three hundred and sixty-five days.

What is a century?

One hundred years.

When did the year No. 1 end?

December 31, of the year 1.

When did the year No. 2 begin?

January 1, of the year 2.

When did the year 99 end?

December 31, A. D. 99.

Did that complete a century?

No.

When was the century completed?

At the close of the year following 99, or at the close of the year 100.

When did the second century begin?

January 1, of the year 1, of the second century, that is, January 1, A. D. 101.

When will the nineteenth century end?

At the close of the 1900th year, or at the close of 1900.

When does the twentieth century begin?

It begins on the day No. 1, of year No. 1, of the twentieth hundred year—that is, on January 1, A. D. 1901.

We must still see two Christmases before the twentieth century dawns.

It will be time profitably spent to read every line of advertising in the MESSAGE this week.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Program of Meeting to Be Held at Molino School House Jan. 6.

North Central Teachers' Institute.

Invocation, Mr. Jos. Martin.

Welcome address, O. P. Brown.

Response, G. F. Burdett.

Are Township Institutes of Any Practical Advantage? F. L. Bruce.

How Best to Carry out Examinations as Proposed by Supt. Cunningham? Henry Rogers.

NOON.

Query Box, Institute.

School Ethics, Miss Burgie Roberts.

Enthusiasm in Education, E. L. Rogers.

Ideals in Education, Miss Ella Dowell.

County Supervision, Noah Barnes.

Advance Class Reading, Miss Lucy Rudolph.

Time of meeting, Saturday, January 9, 1900.

All persons interested in public school work are cordially invited to attend.

F. L. BRUCE, President.

MISS MARY ELLER, Sec.

Andrain Courts.

CIRCUIT COURT—3d Monday in January, 1st Monday in June, 2d Monday in September.

COUNTY COURT—1st Monday in February, 1st Monday in May, 1st Monday in August, 1st Monday in November.

PROBATE COURT—2d Monday in January, 2d Monday in March.

2d Monday in May, 2d Monday in September.

Mexico is in a \$15,000 lawsuit. Mrs. W. F. Reed, formerly of this city but now of Moberly, wants this sum for alleged injuries from a defective sidewalk. On October 25th 1st she was walking on the north side of Monroe street in front of the Regular Baptist church building in Mexico when a board in the walk flew up, entangling her foot in the hole made thereby, and she alleges her ankle was badly sprained and her back wrenched. She says she has been permanently injured by the accident and has spent about \$300 in endeavoring to get relief. The case is slated for the next term of Circuit Court.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Norris entertained the Epworth League of the M. E. Church in a very acceptable manner Friday evening. The most captivating and altogether amusing feature of the evening was the doughnut eating contest between Rev. Hicks and B. A. Powell, the latter coming out ahead about a neck. This—the neck—caused him no little trouble, and strangulation would probably have resulted, had not a bevy of young ladies closed in on him and rendered assistance. It is understood these social gatherings will be repeated at intervals during the winter.

Whether you buy or do not, you will always receive courteous treatment at the Globe clothing store, south side.

Buckner & Whitney carry the finest lines of perfume in Mexico.

Mercury three degrees below zero last Friday. Coldest of the season.

Harry Moore, of Cando, North Dakota, was in Mexico several days last week.

The calendars are saying, "Farewell, century, you have seen wonders." Little immature if the century doesn't end until Jan. 1, 1901.

Going like a vision, those beautiful ties and mufflers at the Globe clothing store, south side square.

At a sale of Poland China hogs at Richard, Vernon county, Missouri's Black Chief, the hog that recently won everything before him at the Illinois state fair, was sold for \$500. He was bought by Mr. Arline of Foster, Bates county.

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County Court Proceedings.

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J. C. Luman, bridge lumber, \$22.20.

John Bayar, building and repairing bridges, \$91.16.

H. P. Middleton, supplies for smallpox patients and maintenance of quarantine near Cuervo postoffice, \$84.86.

Dr. G. M. Baumgartner, medical attention and medical supplies for smallpox patients at Marinburg, \$85.

Clara S. Snidow, clerk, vs. state and county, 12 certificates monthly statements of collection, state auditor from Jan. to Dec., 1899, inclusive, at 75 cents—\$9.00—state one-half and county one-half, warrant ordered for \$4.50, the one-half due from county, certificates to state ordered for the payment of balance.

H. Brane, work on jail \$7.75.

Dye & Webb, supplies for Mrs. Nuckles, in light, \$11.

Neal & Middleton, same, \$4.

R. E. French, papering and plastering at jail, \$5.25.

J. W. Squires, patching and plastering at jail \$4.25.

R. S. McKinnis, account as road and bridge commissioner, \$1.75.

J. C. Buckner, office supplies, \$4.15.

M. N. Nelson, accounts as sheriff, \$10.

Th. S. Hendrix, bridge lumber, \$24.88.

D. Fowler, bridge work, \$14.60.

Sam Howard, repairs at court house, \$1.45.

W. G. Burke, repair at court house, \$4.45.

Watkins Bros., supplies jail prisoners, \$4.

Wm. Diesel, supplies for jail,

\$12.50.

Clark Bros., supplies for poor, \$10.

Regular Baptist Publishing Co., supplies, county clerk, \$1.25.

J. C. Buckner, for painting vault circuit clerk, \$8.

M. B. Guthrie, bridge lumber, \$36.15.

John Kellerhals, bridge lumber, \$17.08.

V. O. P. King, supplies county farm and jail, \$114.30.

J. W. Rutter, carpentering at county farm, \$6.

Worrell Mfg. Co., supplies at jail, \$5.

Fitch Bros., brush brooms for court house, \$2.

W. G. Burke, repair at jail and court house, \$9.40.

Ferri & Cuthbert, supplies for court house and jail, \$23.60.

Standard Printing Co., supplies county clerk, \$5.50; supplies circuit clerk, 55 cents.

Woodward and Tierman, supplies probate judge, \$9.25.

Barand & Co., supplies circuit clerk, \$31.50.

J. E. Sims, 3 days justice county court and mileage, \$17.00.

Gay McInnis, same, \$20.

H. T. Spurling, same, two days, \$17.

Grand and petit jurors for January term were drawn and ordered certified to the circuit clerk that they may be summoned.

O! What could be nicer for a Xmas gift than the Vienna ties at the Globe clothing store. Latest Parisian novelties. South side.

A. J. Bruce, photographer, has failed at Keokuk. He is well remembered in this city and county, having married a Miss Mattie Skaggs at Ladonia.

SILVER DEMONETIZATION.

A Question That is Going to Shake the Financial World to its Center.

DENVER, COLO., Dec. 14—The state of Colorado, thru the United States supreme court, will seek to solve for all time the silver question and the demonetization of silver by a construction of the Constitution of the United States.

It is a case that will shake, says the plaintiffs—Governor Thomas and state officials—the financial world to its center. It has been quietly prepared, after years of study, by A. W. Rucker, president of the United States Monetary League.

Mr. Rucker says that the supreme court must pass on these important claims among numerous others, bearing on the same questions:

First. That the constitution places both precious metals, gold and silver, on an equal basis as money.

Second. Under the constitution, the government has no hand in the demonetization or lowering the value of one or the other. Its duty is to emit the silver dollar at its full value.

Third. After the stamping of the dollar and emitting it into circulation, the government has no hand or voice in the way it shall be regarded as a medium of exchange.

Fourth. The state and individual have the right to demand from the government that this bullion be coined at the full value as fixed by constitutional provision, regardless of any contract in the financial market as to the ratio of values.

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The divorce case of Mattie Asher against T. J. Asher, both late of Ladonia, will be tried in St. Louis County. W. A. Edmonston and P. H. Cullen, both of this city, are attorneys in the case.